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The Town
of
ALSTEAD, N. H.



ANNUAL REPORT

1973

ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
TOWN OFFICERS
of
ALSTEAD, N. H.

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1973

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COVER PICTURE:

*Main Street taken prior to 1908. The gentlemen may be
A. R. Emerson standing and James Nash seated in buggy.*

Photo courtesy Marie A. Radcliffe

**TOWN OFFICIALS
1973**

Selectmen

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Robert Putnam | Town Expires 1974 |
| Stanley Kmiec Sr. | Term Expires 1974 |
| Harry Neal | Term Expires 1976 |
| | |
| Austin D. Fletcher | Moderator |
| Roberta Young | Town Clerk |
| Howard L. Goss | Town Treasurer |
| Gilman Ellis | Tax Collector |
| Erwin Ward | Chief of Police |
| Ira H. Day, III | Dog Constable |
| Richard G. Clark | Overseer of Public Welfare |
| Gilman Ellis | Park Commissioner |
| Ronald H. Jacobson | Civil Defense Director |

Trustee of Trust Funds

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Edith F. Provost | Term Expires 1974 |
| James Brooks | Term Expires 1975 |
| Marie Radcliffe | Term Expires 1976 |

Fire Commissioners

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Richard H. Wilson | Term Expires 1974 |
| John Burroughs | Term Expires 1975 |
| Thomas J. Hancock | Term Expires 1976 |

Library Trustee

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Edith Provost | Term Expires 1974 |
| Virginia Strout | Term Expires 1974 |
| Annette LaFrank | Term Expires 1975 |
| Willard C. Kelley | Term Expires 1975 |
| James Brooks | Term Expires 1976 |
| Benjamin Roman | Term Expires 1976 |

Arch Pond Committee

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Howard L. Goss | Term Expires 1974 |
| Marie A. Radcliffe | Term Expires 1975 |
| Clifford E. Clark | Term Expires 1976 |

Supervisors of Check List

Clifford Smith

Frank C. Dustin

Ruth D. Clark

Ballot Clerks

Ora Clark

Lorraine Bellows

Planning Board

Fred Stearns

Term Expires 1974

Paul Marx

Term Expires 1975

Gloria Seddon

Term Expires 1976

Bernice Jenson

Term Expires 1977

Robert Putnam

Ex-officio, Selectman Expiring 1974

Vilas Pool Committee

Dorothy Johnson

Erwin Ward

Fred Stearns

George G. Woodell

Fence Viewer

George D. Woodell

Measurer of Wood & Lumber

Universalist Church Committee

Alfred Ikeler

Term Expires 1974

Marie Radcliffe

Term Expires 1975

Benjamin Roman

Term Expires 1976

School Board Members - Alstead Representatives

Fall Mt. Consolidated School District

Richard Minard

Term Expires 1974

Benjamin Roman

Term Expires 1974

TOWN WARRANT 1974

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of ALSTEAD in the County of Cheshire in said Sate, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at The Municipal Building in said ALSTEAD on Tuesday, the 5th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon. Polls will be open until 7:30 P.M. The Business Meeting to be holden at 7:30 P.M., to act on the following:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for Old Age Assistance and support of Town poor.
4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for highways, bridges and oiling of Town roads and general maintenance.
5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,122.32 to complete payment on the Bell Hill Bridge.
6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$924.61 for Town Road Construction (T R A), the State to contribute \$6,164.09.
7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell real estate acquired by tax sales.
8. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, if necessary.
9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of the Library.
10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the Town Planning Board, including purchase of maps for developing the Town Tax Maps as required by law by 1980.
11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$901.00 as the Town's share for studies and operation of the Southwestern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission.
12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Police Department including expenses of the Dog Officer.

13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for maintenance and upkeep of the Municipal Building.
14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$850.00 for maintenance of the Town Dump.
15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Parks and Playgrounds including the Skating Rink.
16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the following sums for items listed:

| | | |
|----|--|------------|
| a. | Bonds for Town Officers and liability & property insurance | \$4,800.00 |
| b. | For interest on temporary and long term notes | \$1,500.00 |
| c. | For Social Security expenses | 1,800.00 |
| d. | For street lights including flashing signals | 2,700.00 |
| e. | For damage and legal expenses | 300.00 |
| f. | Civil defense | 150.00 |
| g. | For care of cemeteries | 500.00 |
17. To see if the Town will authorize a discount of two (2) % on real estate taxes paid on or before September 30, next on current year assessments. Further to authorize the Selectmen to extend this date up to thirty days as may be necessary to allow at least ten days before payment is due after mailing of tax bills.
18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for payment on the long term note on the Municipal Building.
19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for payment on long term note on the Universalist Church.
20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,700.00 for payment of a short term note, the amount borrowed to pay for the gates for the dam at Vilas Pool.
21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue permits for playing Bingo as prescribed by law.
22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for Memorial Day observance.
23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,325.00 for the support of the Visiting Nurse Association.
24. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to negotiate with one or more communities in order to establish a suitable solid waste disposal

arrangement and further to authorize the Selectmen to borrow up to \$5,000.00 to provide funding if necessary and if a suitable agreement can be obtained. This to be financed by a short term note.

25. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accept any Federal Disaster Aid that may become available and expend these sums upon receipt of same.
26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 to overhaul the Town Road Grader and authorize the withdrawal of \$9,000.00 for this purpose from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.
27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Forest Fire Protection.
28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for fire protection, equipment, and maintenance of the Alstead Fire Department.
29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purchase and equipping of a new fire truck to replace the 1936 Maxim stationed in East Alstead. Further to authorize the withdrawal of \$3,500.00 from the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund to be applied toward the appropriation. Total cost of truck not to exceed \$30,000.00 and to be satisfactory to the Fire Department before purchase.
30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be put in the Capital Reserve Fund to replace the 1936 Maxim Fire Truck stationed at East Alstead.
31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$414.00 for support of the Cheshire Hospital for the year 1974.
32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$263.00 for the Monadnock Regional Association.
33. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 as a contribution to the Monadnock Region Humane Society.
34. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$593.00 for support of the Monadnock Family and Mental Health Service.- By Petition
35. To see if the Town will vote:
 - a. To prohibit the development of any further trailer parks in Alstead.
 - b. That the existing Trailer Park shall not expand beyond its present boundaries.- By Petition.

36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee of no less than three persons to study the feasibility of incorporating a recycling program into the Town's solid waste disposal plan, said committee hereinafter to be called "The Recycle Feasibility Committee". The Recycle Feasibility Committee shall report its findings to the Selectmen on or before June 1, 1974.- By Petition.
37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00 for a Road Sweeper and authorize the withdrawal of \$2,200.00 for this purpose from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.
38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set-offs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and, further to authorize the Selectmen to make pro-rate reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon:

| Appropriations | Estimated Amount |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Article 4, Road Maintenance | \$5,000.00 |

39. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

SELECTMEN OF ALSTEAD

Robert R. Putnam

Stanley Kmiec

Harry A. Neal

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY VALUES

| | 1972 | 1973 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Land | \$ 1,683,110.00 | \$ 1,835,085.00 |
| Buildings | 5,307,552.00 | 5,591,425.00 |
| Factory Buildings | 91,250.00 | 91,250.00 |
| Public Utilities | 230,722.00 | 233,788.00 |
| Boats and Launches | 6,000.00 | 7,525.00 |
| Mobile Homes | 167,535.00 | 239,800.00 |
| | <hr/> 7,486,169.00 | <hr/> 7,998,875.00 |
| Less Elderly Exemptions | 50,550.00 | 51,800.00 |
| | <hr/> \$ 7,435,619.00 | <hr/> \$ 7,947,075.00 |

ALSTEAD TAX RATE 1973

Net Assessed Valuation \$7,947.073.00
Taxes committed to Collector:

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Gross Property Taxes assessed | 292,452.28 |
| Less: War Service Tax Credits | 4,976.88 |
| Net Property Tax | \$ 287,475.40 |

Tax Rate 3,68

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Net School Approp. | 291,133.65 |
| County Tax Assess. | 13,008.61 |

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Description | |
| Town Hall, Land & Bldgs., Fire Station Combined | \$45,000.00 |
| Furniture and Equipment and two fire trucks | 20,000.00 |
| Libraries, Land and Buildings & Equipment | 108,000.00 |
| Police Department | |
| Equipment and radios | 2,500.00 |
| Fire Department, Land and Bldgs. East Alstead | 7,500.00 |
| Equipment | 3,500.00 |
| Highway Department, Land & Buildings | 1,500.00 |
| Equipment | 35,000.00 |
| Parks Commons & Equipment | 15,000.00 |
| Former Universalists Church Land & Buildings | 20,000.00 |
| | <hr/> \$258,000.00 |

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1974 to December 31, 1974
Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations
and Expenditures of the Previous Fiscal Year.

| SOURCES OF REVENUE | Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year | Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year | Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year |
|--|---|--|--|
| From State: | | | |
| Interest & Dividends Tax | \$ 6,628.00 | \$ 6,628.46 | \$ 6,600.00 |
| Railroad Tax | 5.00 | 4.89 | 5.00 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 1,139.00 | 1,139.00 | 1,140.00 |
| Meals & Rooms Tax | 6,409.00 | 6,725.92 | 6,725.00 |
| Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V) | 13,553.00 | 13,553.32 | 13,492.00 |
| Reim. A/C Bus. Pro. Tax (Town Portion) | 5,811.00 | 5,812.00 | 5,800.00 |
| Class V Hgwy. Funds | 4,505.00 | 4,505.22 | 5,170.00 |
| Road Toll Refund | 500.00 | 347.96 | 345.00 |
| From Local Sources: | | | |
| Dog Licenses | 700.00 | 743.20 | 725.00 |
| Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees | 175.00 | 238.00 | 225.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 13,500.00 | 14,427.54 | 14,500.00 |
| Interest on Taxes & Deposits | 2,500.00 | 3,818.86 | 3,500.00 |
| Income from Trust Funds | 34,000.00 | 33,165.91 | 33,000.00 |
| Withdrawal Cap. Res. Funds | | | 3,500.00 |
| Normal Yield Taxes Assessed | 1,364.00 | 1,364.79 | 1,300.00 |
| Rent of Town Property | 1,000.00 | 873.24 | 800.00 |
| Income from Depts. | | 173.62 | 150.00 |
| Misc. | | 15.44 | |
| Surplus | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | |
| From Federal Sources: | | | |
| Revenue Sharing | 16,004.65 | 16,004.65 | 9,000.00 |
| * TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES | 117,793.65 | 119,542.02 | 105,977.00 |
| * AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES | | | 369,344.93 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | | \$ 475,321.93 |

APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Town Officers' Salaries) | | | |
| Town Officers' Expenses) | 7,900.00 | 8,578.15 | 8,700.00 |
| Election & Reg. Expenses) | | | |
| Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs. | 1,500.00 | 1,479.10 | 1,500.00 |
| Employees' Ret. & S.S. | 1,800.00 | 1,350.00 | 1,800.00 |

Protection of persons & Property:

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Police Dept. | 3,000.00 | 2,541.45 | 3,000.00 |
| Fire Dept. | 5,500.00 | 5,514.93 | 5,500.00 |
| Insurance | 4,000.00 | 4,630.00 | 4,800.00 |
| Planning & Zoning | 1,333.00 | 1,108.67 | 1,501.00 |
| Damages & Legal Exp. | 300.00 | | 300.00 |
| Civil Defense | 150.00 | 64.95 | 150.00 |

Health:

(Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance)

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
| Cheshire Hospital | | | 414.00 |
| VNA | 750.00 | 750.00 | 1,325.00 |
| Town Dump & Garbage Removal | 750.00 | 1,499.75 | 850.00 |

Highways & Bridges:

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Street Lighting | 2,700.00 | 2,529.30 | 2,700.00 |
| Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept. | 35,000.00 | 32,197.42 | 40,000.00 |
| Town Road Aid | 926.00 | 926.33 | 924.61 |

Public Welfare:

| | | | |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Town Poor | | | |
| Old Age Assist. | 5,000.00 | 2,393.91 | 5,000.00 |

Patriotic Purposes:

| | | | |
|--|--------|--------|-------|
| | 500.00 | 650.00 | 50.00 |
|--|--------|--------|-------|

Recreation:

| | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| | 750.00 | 307.47 | 500.00 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|

Public Service Enterprises:

| | | | |
|------------|--------|--|--------|
| Cemeteries | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
|------------|--------|--|--------|

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Monadnock Humane Soc. | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|

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|--------------------|--|--|--------|
| Adv. & Reg. Assoc. | | | 263.00 |
|--------------------|--|--|--------|

Debt Service:

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Principal & Long Term Notes | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|

| | | | |
|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| & Bonds | 14,004.65 | 14,004.65 | 9,200.00 |
|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|

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|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Interest - Long Term Notes | | | |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|

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|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| & Bonds | 935.00 | 827.52 | 800.00 |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|

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|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Interest on Temporary Loans | 665.00 | 563.89 | 665.00 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|

Capital Outlay:

| | | | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Bell Hill Bridge | 15,000.00 | 10,061.16 | 5,122.32 |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|

| | | | |
|----------------|----------|--|--|
| Police Cruiser | 1,800.00 | | |
|----------------|----------|--|--|

| | | | |
|----------|----------|--------|--|
| Gas Tank | 1,000.00 | 300.00 | |
|----------|----------|--------|--|

| | | | |
|-----------------|--|--|----------|
| Overhaul Grader | | | 9,000.00 |
|-----------------|--|--|----------|

| | | | |
|----------------|--|--|-----------|
| New Fire Truck | | | 30,000.00 |
|----------------|--|--|-----------|

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Payment to Capital Res. Funds | | | |
| Fire Truck | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| County Tax | 13,000.00 | 13,008.61 | 15,000.00 |
| School Tax | <u>291,000.00</u> | 291,133.65 | <u>323,157.00</u> |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | \$ 412,363.65 | | \$ 475,321.93 |

*Total estimated "Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year gives "Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes".

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 1973 has come and gone. It has been an eventful year. The truck note was paid by using Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. The Skating Rink has been improved but the weather has been poor for maintenance. There was no need to buy a three thousand gallon gas tank as we were unable to get gas to fill it. Instead we bought a 500 gallon tank for emergency use by the Road Agent and Fire Department if required. This has been filled and is ready for use in case it is needed.

The Bell Hill Bridge is going to be replaced by state contractors at a total cost of \$54,879.05, our share being \$20,122.32. The road will be straightened and the dip at the bottom of the hill will have some fill which will make the approach easier and safer.

A police cruiser has been ordered and as of this writing we have received only the lights for it.

After much deliberation it was decided to remove the once beautiful elm tree which stood by the water trough in the center of town. It was two-thirds dead and we were concerned about electric power as most of the power for the town must pass through this area. The only expense in this operation was that the town did clear up the wood.

There were two flood disasters. One came the first part of July 1973 and we applied for disaster aid. After some trips to Concord and much paper work they decided to give us \$2,478.00 of which we have received 50% at this writing. The second disaster came December 21st. We are now in the process of applying for aid for the town as well as some private parties. The latter category is strictly under the control of the Army Engineers and the outcome of some doubt. The damage was viewed with state and federal men in both cases, after inspections damages were estimated. Another inspection was made after repairs were completed and accounts audited. This has consumed considerable time.

The selectmen received a donation of \$200.00 from the Dorcas Society to apply toward the painting of the Universalist Church.

Hot water was piped to the three lavatories in the Municipal Building. The new control system will permit low heat in the boiler year round thus extending the life of the unit.

Our lady Selectman, Mrs. Joanne Frost, had to resign as her husband received employment in Florida. We wish to thank her for her very able assistance.

The assistance of all those who helped us this year is appreciated.

Robert R. Putnam
Harry A. Neal Stanley F. Kmiec
SELECTMEN OF ALSTEAD

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNT
STATE TAX COMMISSION
Conord, New Hampshire

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Alstead for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1973, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

One of the audit reports must be given the Town Clerk as part of the permanent records.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds and Vilas Pool Fund.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General Fund:

Comparative Balance Sheets - December 31, 1972 and December 31, 1973:
(Exhibit A-1)

Comparative Balance Sheets - General Fund - as of December 31, 1972 and December 31, 1973, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the Current Surplus of the Town decreased by \$6,341.42, from \$18,551.19 to \$12,210.77, during the year ended December 31, 1973.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit A-2)

Analysis of the change in current financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit A-2. The factors which caused the change were as follows:

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Decrease in Current Surplus: | |
| Surplus Used to Reduce Tax Rate | \$10,000.00 |
| Increase in Current Surplus: | |
| Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit A-4) | <u>3,658.58</u> |
| Net Decrease in Current Surplus | \$6,341.42 |

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures - Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits A-3 and A-4)

Comparative statements of general fund appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1973, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the Budget Summary (Exhibit A-4), a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$6,142.52, less a revenue deficit of \$2,483.94, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$3,658.58.

Long Term Indebtedness:

Comparative Balance Sheets: (Exhibit A-5)

Comparative Balance Sheets, which disclose the long term indebtedness of the Town as of December 31, 1972 and December 31, 1973, are presented in Exhibit A-5. As indicated therein, the long term debt decreased by \$14,004.65 during 1973. Outstanding long term notes as of December 31, 1973, totaled \$9,100.00.

TREASURER

Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit B-1)

A classified statement of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1973, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit B-1. A summary of the Treasurer's general fund account and proof of balance, is indicated in Exhibit B-2.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

Conclusion:

The provisions of Chapter 71-a, Section 21, require that the auditors' summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) shall be published in the next annual report of the Town. Publication of the Exhibits contained in this audit report is optional at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. This letter, however, must be published in its entirety.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Alstead for their assistance during the course of the audit.

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Alstead for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1973.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statements of sources of revenues and expenditures present fairly the financial position of the Town of Alstead at December 31, 1973 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick E. Laplante, Director
DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

EXHIBIT A-1
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
General Fund
Comparative Balance Sheets
As of December 31, 1972 and December 31, 1973

| Assets | December 31, 1972 | December 31, 1973 |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cash: | | |
| General Fund | \$ 116,225.70 | \$ 131,269.26 |
| Special Fund | 845.61 | 566.66 |
| (Payroll Fund) | | |
| Special Highway Fund | 664.60 | 623.75 |
| Town Clerk - | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Change Fund | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | \$ 117,760.91 | \$ 132,484.67 |
| Long Term Notes Authorized - | | |
| Unissued (Article 46 - 1972) | 7,000.00 | 7,000.00 |
| Capital Reserve Fund - Fire | | |
| Truck | 1,000.00 | 3,552.15 |
| Accounts Due Town: | | |
| From State: | | |
| Disaster Relief Act Funds | | \$ 1,240.00 |
| Bounties | | 28.50 |
| Other: | | |
| C.N. Vilas Trust Fund | | <u>4,113.81</u> |
| | | 5,382.31 |
| Unredeemed Taxes (Exhibit C-2) | 7,811.15 | 7,529.37 |
| Uncollected Taxes (Exhibit C-1) | <u>52,586.48</u> | <u>52,868.13</u> |
| Total Assets | <u><u>\$186,158.54</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 208,816.63</u></u> |
| Liabilities & Current Surplus | December 31, 1972 | December 31, 1973 |
| Bills Outstanding | \$ 1,510.21 | \$ 1,724.16 |
| Unexpended Balances of Non-Revenue | | |
| Appropriation (Article 46 - 1972) | 7,000.00 | 2,300.00 |

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Short Term Note Payable | | 4,700.00 |
| Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations: | | |
| Arch Pond Comm. | 4,873.35 | 4,473.35 |
| Universalist Church Bldg. | | |
| Development Fund | 4,905.77 | 4,977.65 |
| Bell Hill Bridge | | 4,938.84 |
| Police Cruiser | | 1,800.00 |
| | 9,779.12 | 16,189.84 |
| Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds | 5,763.00 | 5,678.96 |
| Yield Tax Security Deposits | 570.00 | 195.20 |
| Due State of New Hampshire: | | |
| 2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes: | | |
| Uncollected | 40.04 | 67.35 |
| Collected - Not Remitted | 262.60 | 239.65 |
| Resident Taxes: | | |
| Uncollected | 787.50 | |
| Collected | 670.95 | |
| | 1,761.09 | 307.00 |
| School District Tax Payable | 140,222.93 | 161,958.55 |
| Capital Reserve Funds | 1,000.00 | 3,552.15 |
| Total Liabilities | \$167,606.35 | \$196,605.86 |
| Current Surplus | 18,552.19 | 12,210.77 |
| Total Liabilities & Current Surplus | \$186,158.54 | \$208,816.63 |

EXHIBIT A-2
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
General Fund
Analysis of Change in Financial Condition
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Current Surplus - Dec. 31, 1972 | \$ 18,552.19 | |
| Current Surplus - Dec. 31, 1973 | <u>12,210.77</u> | |
| Decrease in Current Surplus | | <u><u>\$ 6,341.42</u></u> |

Analysis of Change

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Decrease in Current Surplus: | | |
| Surplus Used to Reduce Tax Rate | \$ 10,000.00 | |
| Increase in Current Surplus: | | |
| Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit A-4) | <u>3,658.58</u> | |
| Net Decrease in Current Surplus | | <u><u>\$ 6,341.42</u></u> |

EXHIBIT A-3
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
General Fund

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

| | Approps. Forwarded From 1972 | Approps. 1973 | Receipts and Reimb. | Total Amount Available | Expend. 1973 | Balances | | (Assets) & Approps. Forwarded To 1974 |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|--|
| | | | | | | Unexpended | Overdrafts | |
| General Government: | | | | | | | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries) | | 7,900.00 | 20.00 | 7,920.00 | 8,578.15 | | 658.15 | |
| Town Officers' Expenses) | | | | | | | | |
| Election and Registration) | | 1,500.00 | | 1,500.00 | 1,479.10 | 20.90 | | |
| Expenses) | | | | | | | | |
| Town Hall & Bldg. Maint. | | | | | | | | |
| Protection of Persons and Property: | | | | | | | | |
| Police Department | | 3,000.00 | | 3,000.00 | 2,541.45 | 458.55 | | |
| Fire Dept., Including | | 5,500.00 | 5.76 | 5,505.76 | 5,519.3 | | 9.17 | |
| Forest Fires | | | | | | | | |
| Planning and Zoning | | 1,333.00 | | 1,333.00 | 1,108.67 | 224.33 | | |
| Insurance | | 4,000.00 | | 4,000.00 | 4,630.00 | | 630.00 | |
| Civil Defense | | 150.00 | | 150.00 | 64.95 | 85.05 | | |
| Health and Sanitation: | | | | | | | | |
| Visiting Nurse Assoc. | | 750.00 | | 750.00 | 750.00 | | | |
| Town Dump | | 750.00 | 450.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,499.75 | | 299.75 | |
| Highways and Bridges: | | | | | | | | |
| Town Road Aid | | 926.00 | | 926.00 | 926.33 | | .33 | |
| Street Lighting | | 2,700.00 | | 2,700.00 | 2,529.30 | 170.70 | | |
| General Exp. of Hgwy | | 35,000.00 | 236.30 | 35,236.30 | 32,197.42 | 3,038.88 | | |
| Department | | | | | | | | |
| Flood Damage Repairs (Disaster Relief | | | | | | | | |
| Act Funds) | | | 1,239.00 | 1,230.00 | 3,371.70 | | 1,252.70 | (1,240.00) |
| Public Welfare: | | | | | | | | |
| Old Age Assis. and | | 5,000.00 | | 5,000.00 | 2,393.91 | 2,606.09 | | |
| Town Poor | | | | | | | | |
| Patriotic Purposes: | | | | | | | | |
| Memorial Day | | 50.00 | | 50.00 | 50.00 | | | |
| July 4th Celebration | | 450.00 | 150.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | | | |
| Recreation: | | | | | | | | |
| Parks and Playgrounds | | 750.00 | | 750.00 | 307.47 | 442.53 | | |

EXHIBIT A-4
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
General Fund
Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues
and Budget Summary
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

| Source | Revenues | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Estimated | Actual | Excess | Deficit |
| Taxes: | | | | |
| Current Year: | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$292,052.28 | \$287,501.22 | \$ | \$ 4,551.06 |
| Resident Taxes | 6,390.00 | 6,708.75 | 318.75 | |
| Yield Taxes | 1,364.00 | 1,364.79 | .79 | |
| Interest on Delinquent Taxes | 2,500.00 | 3,543.86 | 1,043.86 | |
| Surplus Used to Reduce Tax Rate | | | | |
| | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | | |
| From State of New Hampshire: | | | | |
| Interest and Dividend Tax | 6,628.00 | 6,628.46 | .46 | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 1,139.00 | 1,139.00 | | |
| Highway Subsidy Funds | 13,553.00 | 13,553.32 | .32 | |
| Meals and Rooms Tax | 6,409.00 | 6,725.92 | 316.92 | |
| Class V Highway Funds | 4,505.22 | 4,505.22 | .22 | |
| Road Toll Refunds | 500.00 | 347.96 | | 152.04 |
| Business Profits Tax | 5,811.00 | 5,812.00 | 1.00 | |
| Railroad Tax | 5.00 | 4.89 | | .11 |
| From Local Sources, Except Taxes: | | | | |
| Income From Trust Funds | 34,000.00 | 33,165.91 | | 834.09 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 13,500.00 | 14,427.54 | 927.54 | |
| Dog Licenses | 700.00 | 743.20 | 43.20 | |
| Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees | 175.00 | 238.00 | 63.00 | |
| Rent of Town Property and Equipment | 1,000.00 | 873.24 | | 126.76 |
| Interest on deposits | | 275.00 | 275.00 | |
| Planning Board Fees | | 173.62 | 173.62 | |
| Other | | 15.44 | 15.44 | |
| Federal Revenue | 16,004.65 | 16,004.65 | | |
| | <u>\$416,235.93</u> | <u>\$413,751.99</u> | <u>\$3,180.12</u> | <u>\$5,664.06</u> |

Budget Summary

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Unexpended Balances of Appropriations | \$ 9,008.37 | |
| Overdrafts of Appropriations | 2,865.85 | |
| Net Unexpended Balance of Appropriations | | \$ 6,142.52 |
| Estimated Revenues | 416,235.93 | |
| Actual Revenues | 413,751.99 | |
| Revenue Deficit | | 2,483.94 |
| Net Budget Surplus | | \$ 3,658.58 |

EXHIBIT A-5 TOWN OF ALSTEAD Long Term Indebtedness Comparative Balance Sheets As of December 31, 1972 and December 31, 1973

| Assets | December 31, | |
|---|--------------|-------------|
| | 1972 | 1973 |
| Amount To Be Provided For Retirement of Long Term Debt | \$ 23,104.65 | \$ 9,100.00 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Long Term Notes Outstanding: | | |
| New Town Building Notes - 1968 | \$ 5,600.00 | \$ 3,100.00 |
| Land and Building Acquisition Notes - 1971 | 8,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| Highway Truck Notes - 1972 | 9,504.65 | |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 23,104.65 | \$ 9,100.00 |

As of December 31, 1973

21,000 \$ 00,001

(*) This note was issued without a specific principal payable date. Annual interest due is based on a December payment of principal as determined by the Connecticut River National Bank.

EXHIBIT B-1
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
General Fund
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Current Year:

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Property Taxes | \$ 234,158.12 | |
| Yield Taxes | 1,343.08 | |
| Resident Taxes | 4,341.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 239,842.20 |

Prior Years:

| | | |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| Property Taxes | 50,450.25 | |
| Yield Taxes | 94.80 | |
| Resident Taxes | 1,650.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 52,195.05 |

Interest on Taxes

3,543.86

Resident Tax Penalties

182.25

Tax Sales Redeemed

5,790.00

\$ 301,562.36

From State of New Hampshire:

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Interest and Dividend Tax | 6,628.46 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 1,139.00 |
| Highway Subsidy Funds | 13,553.32 |
| Meals and Rooms Tax | 6,725.92 |
| Class V Highway Funds | 4,505.22 |
| Road Toll Refunds | 347.96 |
| Business Profits Tax | 5,812.00 |
| Railroad Tax | 4.89 |
| Fighting Forest Fires | 5.76 |
| Bounties | 14.00 |

Overpayments Refunded:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Resident Tax | 450.00 | |
| 2% Bond & Debt Retirement Tax | 40.04 | |
| | <hr/> | 490.04 |
| | | <hr/> \$ 39,226.57 |

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Income From Trust Funds | 29,052.10 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 14,434.95 |
| Dog Licenses | 743.20 |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Business Licenses, Permits & | |
| Filing Fees | 238.00 |
| Rent of Town Property and Equipment | 873.24 |
| Interest Received on Deposits | 275.00 |

Income From Departments:

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| Planning Board | 173.62 |
| Recreation | 15.44 |

189.06

Appropriation Credits: (Refunds)

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | 20.00 |
| Town Dump | 450.00 |
| Gen. Exp. of Highway Department | 236.30 |

706.30

46,511.85

Total Current Revenue Receipts

\$387,300.78

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Proceeds of Short Term Note | 4,700.00 |
| Yield Tax Security Deposits | 290.00 |
| Gifts | 350.00 |

Federal Grants:

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Revenue Sharing Funds | \$ 15,609.00 |
| Interest on Invested Revenue | |
| Sharing Funds | 311.61 |
| Disaster Relief Act Funds | 1,239.00 |

17,159.61

Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue

\$ 47,499.61

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Total Receipts From All Sources | 434,800.39 |
| Balance - January 1, 1973 | 116,225.70 |

Grand Total

\$ 551,026.09

Expenditures

General Government:

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | 4,811.16 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 3,129.00 |
| Election and Registration Expenses | 637.99 |
| Town Hall & Bldg. Maintenance | 1,479.10 |

\$ 10,057.25

Protection of Persons and Property:

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Police Dept. | 2,541.45 |
| Fire Dept., Including Forest Fires | 5,514.93 |

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MAP OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD CHESHIRE COUNTY, NH.

Drawn by F.C. Dustin using U.S.G.S. Maps 1957

KEY
Cross sections used
to Locate Properties.
Example - Vilas Pool
located in section
C-14

| | | |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| Planning and Zoning | 1,108.67 | |
| Insurance | 4,630.00 | |
| Civil Defense | 64.95 | |
| Bounties | 42.50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 13,902.50 |
| Health and Sanitation: | | |
| Visiting Nurse Association | 750.00 | |
| Town Dump | 1,499.75 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 2,249.75 |
| Highways & Bridges: | | |
| Town Road Aid | 926.33 | |
| Street Lighting | 2,529.30 | |
| Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept. | 32,197.42 | |
| Flood Damage Repairs | 3,731.70 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 39,384.75 |
| Public Welfare: | | |
| Old Age Assist. | 1,703.63 | |
| Town Poor | 690.28 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 2,393.91 |
| Patriotic Purposes: | | |
| Memorial Day | 50.00 | |
| July 4th Celebration | 600.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 650.00 |
| Recreation: | | |
| Parks and Playgrounds, including skating rink | | \$ 307.47 |
| Unclassified: | | |
| Employees' Retirement and Social Security | | 1,350.00 |
| Taxes Bought by Town | | 5,517.22 |
| Yield Tax Security Deposits | | 664.80 |
| Monadnock Humane Society | | 100.00 |
| Abatements and Refunds: | | |
| Property Tax | 55.20 | |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 7.41 | |
| | <hr/> | 62.61 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$ 7,694.63 |
| Debt Service: | | |
| Interest on Debt: | | |
| On Long Term Notes | | 827.52 |
| On Tax Anticipation Notes | | 563.89 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$ 1,391.41 |

Principal of Debt:

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Tax Anticipation Notes Paid | 25,000.00 |
| Long Term Notes Paid | <u>14,004.65</u> |
| | \$ 39,004.65 |

Capital Outlay:**New Construction:**

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Arch Pond Commission | 400.00 |
| Bell Hill Bridge | 10,061.16 |
| Vilas Pool Gates | <u>4,700.00</u> |
| | \$ 15,161.16 |

New Equipment:

| | |
|---------|--------|
| Highway | 300.00 |
|---------|--------|

Land and Buildings:

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Universalist Church Improvements | 128.12 |
|----------------------------------|--------|

Payments to Capital Reserve Fund

| |
|-----------------|
| <u>2,500.00</u> |
| \$ 18,089.28 |

Payments To Other Governmental**Divisions:****State of New Hampshire:**

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Resident Taxes | 1,921.95 |
| 2% Bond and Debt Retirement Taxes | <u>320.64</u> |
| | \$ 2,242.59 |

County Taxes

13,008.61

School District Tax:

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1972-73 Assessment | 140,222.93 |
| 1973-74 Assessment | <u>129,175.10</u> |
| | 269,398.03 |

\$ 284,631.23

Total Expenditures For All Purposes 419,756.83

Balance - December 31, 1973 131,269.26Grand Total \$ 551,026.09

EXHIBIT B-2
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
General Fund

Summary of Treasurer's Account and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bal. - Jan. 1, 1973 | \$ 116,225.70 | |
| Receipts during year | <u>434,800.39</u> | |
| | | \$ 551,026.09 |
| Expenditures During Year | | <u>419,756.83</u> |
| Bal. - Dec. 31, 1973 | | <u><u>\$ 131,269.26</u></u> |

Proof of Balance

| | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Bal. in the Connecticut River Nat. Bank, Charlestown, N.H. Per Statement, Dec. 27, 1973 | | \$ 125,140.46 |
| Add: Deposits of: | | |
| Dec. 28, 1973 | 3,949.34 | |
| Dec. 29, 1973 | <u>179.52</u> | |
| | | <u>4,128.86</u> |
| | | \$ 129,269.32 |
| Less: Outstanding Checks | | <u>4,811.58</u> |
| | | \$ 124,457.74 |
| Add: Cash on hand - | | |
| Dec. 31, 1973 | \$ 1,132.56 | |
| On Deposit in the Bellows Falls Trust Co. - Dec. 31, 1973 | <u>5,678.96</u> | |
| | | <u>6,811.52</u> |
| Reconciled Bal. | | |
| Dec. 31, 1973 | | <u><u>\$ 131,269.26</u></u> |

EXHIBIT B-3
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Special Fund (Payroll Fund)
Statement of Account and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

| | | |
|--------------------------|----|--------|
| Fund Bal. - Jan. 1, 1973 | \$ | 845.61 |
|--------------------------|----|--------|

Deposits:

| | | |
|--------------------------|----|-----------|
| From Gen. Fund, Special | | |
| Highway Acc't, Library | | |
| Trustee of Trust Funds & | | |
| Vilas Pool Fund | | 9,950.53 |
| | \$ | 10,796.14 |

Expenditures:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Town Officers' Salaries (Net) | \$ 4,179.67 | |
| School Crossing Guard | 953.12 | |
| Police Salaries | 571.56 | |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 45.00 | |
| Social Security and Withholding Taxes | 4,480.13 | |
| | | 10,229.48 |

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|--------|
| Fund Bal. - Dec. 31, 1973 | \$ | 566.66 |
|---------------------------|----|--------|

Proof of Balance

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Bal. in the Bellows Falls Trust Co., | | |
| Bellows Falls, Vt. - per Statement | | |
| December 21, 1973 | \$ 800.46 | |
| Add: Deposit of Jan. 2, 1974 | 27.00 | |
| | | 827.46 |
| Less: Outstanding Checks | | 260.80 |
| Reconciled Bal. Dec. 31, 1973 | \$ | 566.66 |

EXHIBIT B-4
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Special Highway Fund
Statement of Account and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

| | | |
|--------------------------|----|--------|
| Fund Bal. - Jan. 1, 1973 | \$ | 664.60 |
|--------------------------|----|--------|

Receipts During Year:

| | | |
|--------------------------|--|-------------|
| Transfers from Gen. Fund | | 35,929.12 |
| | | \$36,593.72 |

Expenditures During Year:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Payrolls | 13,410.80 | |
| Truck Hire, Materials, etc. | <u>22,559.17</u> | |
| | | 35,969.97 |
| Fund Bal. - Dec. 31, 1973 | | <u>\$ 623.75</u> |

Proof of Balance

| | | |
|---|---------------|------------------|
| Bal. in The Bellows Falls Trust Company, Bellows Falls, Vermont - Per Statement December 27, 1973 | \$ 1,895.02 | |
| Add: Deposit of Jan. 2, 1974 | <u>565.92</u> | |
| | | \$ 2,460.94 |
| Less: Outstanding checks | | <u>1,837.19</u> |
| Reconciled Bal. - Dec. 31, 1973 | | <u>\$ 623.75</u> |

EXHIBIT C-1
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Summary of Warrants
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

Levies of:

| -DR.- | 1973 | 1972 | 1971 |
|---|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Uncollected Taxes - Jan. 1, 1973 | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ | \$ 50,596.25 | \$ |
| Resident Taxes | | 1,750.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | | 204.23 | 36.00 |
| Taxes Committed to Collector: | | | |
| Property Taxes | 287,475.46 | | |
| Resident Taxes | 6,390.00 | | |
| Yield Taxes | 1,637.75 | | |
| Added Taxes: | | | |
| Property Taxes | 25.76 | | |
| Resident Taxes | 90.00 | 60.00 | |
| Interest Collected: | 4.44 | 2,468.22 | |

| | | |
|--|-------|--------|
| Penalties on Delinquent Resident Taxes | 12.00 | 170.25 |
|--|-------|--------|

Overpayments to be Refunded:

a/c Property Taxes

18.00

| | | |
|---------------|--------------|----------|
| \$ 295,653.41 | \$ 55,248.95 | \$ 36.00 |
|---------------|--------------|----------|

-CR.-

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes

| | | |
|---------------|--------------|----|
| \$ 234,158.12 | \$ 50,450.25 | \$ |
|---------------|--------------|----|

Resident Taxes

| | |
|----------|----------|
| 4,341.00 | 1,650.00 |
|----------|----------|

Yield Taxes

| | |
|----------|-------|
| 1,343.08 | 94.80 |
|----------|-------|

Interest

| | |
|------|----------|
| 4.44 | 2,468.22 |
|------|----------|

Penalties on Resident Taxes

| | |
|-------|--------|
| 12.00 | 170.25 |
|-------|--------|

Discounts Allowed

2,587.99

Abatements Allowed:

Property Taxes

| | |
|--------|--------|
| 298.08 | 146.00 |
|--------|--------|

Resident Taxes

| | |
|--------|--------|
| 170.00 | 140.00 |
|--------|--------|

Yield Taxes

36.00

Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1973:

Property Taxes

50,475.03

Resident Taxes

| | |
|----------|-------|
| 1,969.00 | 20.00 |
|----------|-------|

Yield Taxes

| | |
|--------|--------|
| 294.67 | 109.43 |
|--------|--------|

| | | |
|---------------|--------------|----------|
| \$ 295,653.41 | \$ 55,248.95 | \$ 36.00 |
|---------------|--------------|----------|

EXHIBIT C-2
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Summary of Tax Sale Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

Levies of:

-DR.-

1972

1971

1970

Unredeemed Taxes - Jan. 1, 1973

| | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|
| \$ | \$ 4,771.29 | \$ 3,039.86 |
|----|-------------|-------------|

Tax Sale, August 18, 1973

5,517.22

Interest and Costs After Sale

| | | |
|-------|--------|--------|
| 36.55 | 283.69 | 750.96 |
|-------|--------|--------|

| | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| \$ 5,553.77 | \$ 5,054.98 | \$ 3,790.82 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|

-CR.-

Remittances To Treasurer:

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Redemptions | \$ 467.51 | \$ 2,291.63 | \$ 3,039.86 |
| Interest and Costs | 36.55 | 283.69 | 750.96 |
| Unredeemed Taxes - Dec. 31, 1973 | 5,049.71 | 2,479.66 | |
| | <u>\$5,553.77</u> | <u>\$ 5,054.98</u> | <u>\$ 3,790.82</u> |

EXHIBIT D
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Statement of Town Clerk's Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

- DR.-

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

| | | |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1972 Permits | \$ 287.26 | |
| 1973 Permits | 13,904.30 | |
| 1974 Permits | <u>243.39</u> | |
| | | \$14,434.95 |

Dog Licenses Issued:

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--|
| 230 @ \$2.00 | \$ 460.00 | |
| 40 @ \$5.00 | 200.00 | |
| 2 Kennels @ \$12.00 | 24.00 | |
| 1 Kennel @ \$20.00 | 20.00 | |
| 1 Kennel @ \$25.00 | 25.00 | |
| 69 Penalties | <u>69.00</u> | |
| | \$ 798.00 | |
| Less: 274 Penalties @ .20 | <u>54.80</u> | |

| | | |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| | 743.20 | |
| Filing Fees | <u>8.00</u> | |
| | | <u>\$ 15,186.15</u> |

- CR. -

Remittances To Treasurer:

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Permits | \$ 14,434.95 | |
| Dog Licenses Issued | 743.20 | |
| Filing Fees | <u>8.00</u> | |
| | | <u>\$ 15,186.15</u> |

EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Vilas Pool Fund
Statement of Account and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Fund Bal. - Jan. 1, 1973 | \$ 5,278.55 |
|--------------------------|-------------|

Receipts During Year:

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Vilas Fund Income | \$ 4,507.80 |
| Donations | 335.28 |
| Interest on Investments | 165.96 |
| Refund | 17.00 |
| | 5,026.04 |
| | \$10,304.59 |

Expenditures During Year:

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Salaries | 3,486.72 |
| Pool Improvements | 867.50 |
| Supplies and Services | 788.65 |
| Insurance | 461.00 |
| Utilities | 247.85 |
| | 5,851.72 |

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Fund Bal. Dec. 31, 1973 | <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">\$ 4,452.87</div> |
|-------------------------|--|

Proof of Balance

Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust
 Company, Bellows Falls, Vermont
 per Statement, Dec. 27, 1973

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| | \$ 2,881.78 |
| Less: Outstanding Checks | 5.90 |
| | 2,875.88 |

Add: Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1973
 On Deposit in the Savings Bank of
 Walpole, N.H. - Dec. 31, 1973

| | |
|--|----------|
| | 8.49 |
| | 1,568.50 |
| | 1,576.99 |

Reconciled Bal. - Dec. 31, 1973

| | |
|--|--|
| | <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">\$ 4,452.87</div> |
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EXHIBIT F-1
TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Trust Funds

Summary of Principal, Income and Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

PRINCIPAL

Balance
Jan. 1,
1973

New
Funds
Created

Balance
Dec. 31,
1973

Balance
Jan. 1,
1973

Earned
During
Year

Expended
During
Year

Balance
Dec. 31,
1973

Balance
Principal & Income
December 31, 1973

Warren Monument Fund \$ 5,262.00
Kinball Library Fund 2,465.19
Carpenter Library Fund 500.00
C.F. Warren Library Fund 5,650.00
Cemetery Trust Funds 50,840.06
Kingsbury School Fund 606.00
Wells and Smith Cemetery &
School Funds 510.00
Capital Res. Fund 1,000.00
Fire Truck
The Maybelle H. Still
Memorial Fund - Town
History Bequest

\$ 5,262.00
2,465.19
500.00
5,650.00
50,840.06
606.00
510.00
1,000.00

\$ 5,262.00
2,465.19
500.00
5,650.00
51,590.06
606.00
510.00
3,500.00

\$ 734.05
151.12
30.64
189.82
6,107.51
97.01
65.48

\$ 286.40
151.12
30.64
189.82
3,901.69
31.58
27.73
52.15

\$ 158.05
151.12
30.64
189.82
3,671.00
128.59
93.21
52.15

\$ 862.40
2,465.19
500.00
5,650.00
6,338.20
734.59
603.21
3,552.15

667.52
14,381.85

\$ 66,833.25 \$16,964.33 \$83,797.58 \$7,004.05 \$ 5,338.65 \$ 4,200.63 \$ 8,142.07 \$91,939.65

EXHIBIT F-1 (Continued)
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Trust Funds
Summary of Principal, Income and Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

Investments

Bonds:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| 5 M - United States Treasury Bonds 3% | \$ 5,000.00 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|

Savings Bank Deposits:

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Cheshire County Savings Bank | \$ 9,329.49 |
| New Hampshire Savings Bank | 6,631.16 |
| Sugar River Savings Bank | 2,757.00 |
| Walpole Savings Bank | 50,596.51 |
| | \$69,314.17 |

Stocks: (At Cost)

No. of Shares:

| | |
|--|-----------|
| 1064 The First National City Bank of New York | 6,640.28 |
| 2063,897 Massachusetts Investor's Trust | 9,076.14 |
| | 15,716.42 |

| | |
|---|----------|
| Checking Account - Bellows Falls Trust Co. (Exhibit F-2) | 1,909.06 |
|---|----------|

| | |
|-------|--------------|
| TOTAL | \$ 91,939.65 |
|-------|--------------|

EXHIBIT F-2
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Trust Fund - Income Account
Statement of Account and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Fund Bal. - Jan. 1, 1973 | \$ 7,004.05 |
|--------------------------|-------------|

Receipts During Year:

Interest:

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| On Savings Bank Deposits | 2,786.15 |
| U.S. Government Bonds | 150.00 |
| Public Ser. Co. of N.H. Bonds | 48.75 |

| | | |
|---|---------------|---------------------------|
| Dividends: | | |
| Mass. Investors Trust | 800.78 | |
| First National City Bank of New York | <u>750.12</u> | |
| | | 4,535.80 |
| | | <u>\$11,539.85</u> |
| Expenditures During Year: | | |
| Cemeteries | 3,829.05 | |
| Shedd-Porter Library | <u>371.58</u> | |
| | | 4,200.63 |
| Fund Bal. - Dec. 31, 1973 | | <u><u>\$ 7,339.22</u></u> |

Proof of Balance

| | | |
|--|---------------|---------------------------|
| Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust | | |
| Co., Bellows Falls, Vt. - | | |
| Per Statement, Dec. 27, 1973 | | \$ 564.52 |
| Add: Deposits of: | | |
| Dec. 28, 1973 | 1,614.05 | |
| Jan. 4, 1974 | <u>161.91</u> | |
| | | 1,775.96 |
| | | \$ 2,340.48 |
| Less: Outstanding checks | | <u>431.42</u> |
| | | 1,909.06 |
| Add: On Deposit in The Savings Bank | | |
| of Walpole, Walpole, N.H. | | |
| Dec. 31, 1973 | | <u>5,430.16</u> |
| Reconciled Bal., Dec. 31, 1973 | | <u><u>\$ 7,339.22</u></u> |

EXHIBIT G TOWN OF ALSTEAD Revenue Sharing Fund Statement of Revenue, Appropriations, Encumbrances, Expenditures and Fund Balance Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

| | | |
|---|---------------|--------------------|
| Fund Bal. - Jan. 1, 1973 | | \$ 5,763.00 |
| Receipts During Year: | | |
| Entitlement Payments | 15,609.00 | |
| Interest Earned on Revenue Sharing Funds | <u>311.61</u> | |
| | | 15,920.61 |
| | | <u>\$21,683.61</u> |

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Total Available Funds | | |
| Expenditures During Year: | | |
| Operating and Maintenance: | | |
| Public Safety | 1,500.00 | |
| Public Transportation | 5,000.00 | |
| Capital Expenditures: | | |
| 1972 Highway Truck Note | <u>9,504.65</u> | |
| Total Expenditures | | <u>16,004.65</u> |
| Fund Bal. - Dec. 31, 1973 | | <u>\$ 5,678.96</u> |

EXHIBIT H
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Town Officers' Surety Bonds
1973

| | Bond Number | Amount | Term Beginning |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| Town Treasurer: | | | |
| Howard L. Goss | | | |
| American Fidelity Company | 33-44-22 | 20,000.00 | March 6, 1973 |
| Tax Collector: | | | |
| Gilman O. Ellis | | | |
| American Fidelity Company | 33-44-22 | 22,000.00 | March 6, 1973 |
| Town Clerk: | | | |
| Roberta L. Young | | | |
| American Fidelity Company | 33-44-22 | 4,000.00 | March 6, 1973 |
| Road Agent: | | | |
| Clifford E. Clark | | | |
| American Fidelity Company | 33-44-22 | 1,000.00 | March 6, 1973 |
| Constable: | | | |
| Erwin W. Ward | | | |
| American Fidelity Company | 33-44-22 | 1,000.00 | March 6, 1973 |
| Trustees of Trust Funds: | | | |
| James J. Brooks | | | |
| American Fidelity Company | 34-44-24 | 14,000.00 | March 6, 1972 |
| Edith F. Provost | | | |
| American Fidelity Company | 34-44-23 | 14,000.00 | March 6, 1972 |
| Marie A. Radcliffe | | | |
| American Fidelity Company | 34-44-25 | 14,000.00 | March 6, 1973 |

REPORT OF THE ALSTEAD FIRE DEPT.

1973 was a year of much activity and achievement for the Fire Dept. In March Ronald H. Jacobson resigned as Fire Commissioner to accept a position as Deputy Chief and John H. Burroughs was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Fire Commissioners. The membership roles were further strengthened when eight new men joined the Dept. We have inaugurated a fire prevention home inspection program which has been well received by participating residents, and further plans along these lines are being formulated for the coming year. One serious and possible tragic fire was discovered during one of our inspections. Monitor radio receivers have been purchased for the active members which instantly alert them to an emergency whatever they are. This has substantially reduced response time and has resulted in more men being available. The dept. is cooperating with the Planning Board in trying to provide the fire protection in future sub-divisions and is actively engaged in working on the Town Map and in clarifying street names. Alstead firemen are the proud owners of two trophies which were won at one of the three parades they attended this past Fall.

The pump on Engine 1 was rebuilt and needed alterations have been made to the electrical system. For the third year in a row major repairs were necessary on Engine 3, the 1936 Maxim. Parts for a truck this age are difficult and expensive to acquire - fortunately the Keene Fire Dept. had what we needed and they generously donated it to us. The time has come, we feel, to replace this truck as a first line unit and we have placed an article in the warrant regarding this.

IN CASE OF FIRE OR EMERGENCY - DIAL 352-1100; give nature of emergency (house fire, forest fire, heart attack etc.) and accurate and clear location - if possible have someone direct the arriving firemen.

Below is a run-down of 1973 alarms and activities:

| | |
|-----------------------|----|
| Meetings | 12 |
| Drills | 12 |
| Fires | 12 |
| Emergency Calls | 7 |
| Mutual Aid Calls | 6 |
| Inspections performed | 3 |
| Parades attended | 3 |
| Power Off Standby | 2 |

Board of Fire Commissioners

John J. Burroughs

Thomas

Richard H. Wilson

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

This past year asphalt was applied on Slade Hill, Gilsum Rd., Rhoades Dist. and Edwards Rd.

The Duncan money was used on Sid Pratt's Rd. -- widened, culverts laid and graveled.

T.R.A. was used on Cabins Rd. -- widened, culverts laid and graveled as far as money would allow. The plans are to continue the gravel and black top it this year.

Much gravel was used on the roads during the past year.

The unusual heavy rains did a lot of damage to the roads this past summer.

I wish to thank each one who helped in any way during the past year.

Clifford Clark

Road Agent, Alstead, N. H.

EXPENSES OF ROAD AGENT

| | |
|---|------------|
| Clifford Clark | \$5,627.00 |
| Richard Clark | 4,829.55 |
| Floyd Rhoads | 694.00 |
| Kenneth Winham | 275.50 |
| Bradbury Bacon | 456.00 |
| L. Soucie | 2,077.30 |
| Kmiec's Garage, gas & repair | 2,566.36 |
| Frank Whitcomb, Cold River, cold patch & sand | 1,855.13 |
| Gilman Ellis, plowing snow | 100.00 |
| R. C. Hazelton Corp., parts for sanders | 76.69 |
| Fred Carman, dozer | 32.00 |
| North Eastern Culvert Corp., culverts | 187.20 |
| Whipple's Garage, gas | 14.00 |
| Roger Pelten, back hoe | 18.00 |
| Cheever Tire Service, tires | 277.84 |
| Jorden Milton, parts for garder | 210.59 |
| R. N. Johnson, chloride & cross chains | 437.31 |
| Lee Mousley, parts & welding | 94.00 |
| Adams Garage, bearings | 15.35 |
| Dale Wilson, hauling sand & back hoe | 223.00 |
| Robert Esslinger, oiling trucks | 30.00 |
| North Walpole Supply Co., shovels & grass seeds | 17.89 |
| Reynolds & Son Corp., grader blades | 64.90 |
| Blanch Flower Lumber Corp., lumber | 12.80 |
| Harold Robbins, back hoe | 86.00 |

| | |
|---|----------|
| Kenneth Winham, Truck & loader | 6,431.45 |
| Ola Peterson, gravel | 176.20 |
| Robert Rhoads, gravel | 378.60 |
| Gilsum Selectmen, gravel | 33.60 |
| Ralph Balla, truck, sand and gravel | 302.65 |
| Bailey Auto Sales, inspection & service on Ford truck | 154.35 |
| Timber Owners of New England, plowing snow | 90.00 |
| International Salt Co., salt | 517.55 |
| The Chemical Corp., salt | 249.70 |
| Cray Oil Co., gas & Diesel Fuel | 249.22 |
| Angell's Automotive Service Mirrors | 11.28 |

TARRING

| | |
|------------|------------|
| Asphalt | \$4,158.81 |
| Sand | 813.23 |
| Equipment | 932.97 |
| Labor | 927.43 |
| Cold Patch | 595.04 |

DUNCAN MONEY

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| Equipment | \$2,567.90 |
| Labor | 1,223.20 |
| Culverts | 259.20 |
| Gravel | 90.00 |

INCOME

| | |
|--|----------|
| Francis Crocker, oiling drive | \$ 44.00 |
| Priscilla Watson, rent of truck & loader | 7.00 |
| Herbert Carlson, rent of truck & loader | 77.00 |
| Marguerite Finley, rent of truck & loader | 21.00 |
| Robert & Barbara Dinkel, oiling driveway | 56.00 |
| Stanley Manning, rent of truck & loader | 7.00 |
| Ralph Renzelman, truck & loader | 14.00 |
| Mildred Duffy, oiling driveway | 37.00 |
| Bruce Smith, oiling driveway | 73.25 |
| Robert Putnam, rent of truck & loader | 42.00 |
| Irwin Boak, rent of truck & loader | 7.00 |
| Daniel Curth, rent of truck & loader | 7.00 |
| Francis Pratt, rent of truck & loader | 7.00 |
| Mariam Ward, oiling driveway | 64.30 |
| Kmiece's Garage, rent of truck & loader | 7.00 |
| Gilman Ellis, rent of grader | 25.00 |
| Stanley Kmiece Jr., rent of truck & loader | 7.00 |
| Dale Wilson, culverts | 83.30 |
| Emil Moticka, rent of truck & loader | 7.00 |
| Gordon Moody, chloride | 10.00 |
| Frank Clar, rent of truck & loader | 21.00 |
| Town dump, covering up dump | 94.25 |

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|--|-------|
| Benjamin Romen, chloride | 5.04 |
| Margaret Squibbs, hauling gravel | 39.24 |
| Alice Hoke, rent of truck & loader | 7.00 |
| Helen Sutherland, rent of truck & loader | 35.00 |
| Thomas Hancock, rent of truck & loader | 28.00 |
| H. H. Leman, rent of truck & loader | 21.00 |
| George Nostrand, rent of truck & loader | 7.00 |

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY CUSTODIAN

The cemeteries were raked over and leaves removed in the Spring. Mowing was done several times during the year. Fallen trees were cut up and removed. Sunken graves were filled in and brush was cut and removed from the walls.

Richard G. Clark

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Several families received the Surplus Commodity Goods again this year.

Richard G. Clark

SHEDD PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Alstead, N. H.

January 15, 1974

As your Librarian, I hereby submit my report for 1973.

The Elementary School bus pupils visited the Library in the spring, but in the fall visits were discontinued because of working mothers being unable to accompany them. The State Library Bookmobile supplies the school with several hundred books during the year so that the students still have the advantage of borrowing and reading many books.

Your library furnished Vilas Jr. High and Elementary Schools with posters for April National Library Week and November National Book Week.

Three Book Meetings were attended by your Librarian, where many books were on display and reviews given by the State Consultant.

Elementary School exhibited art work in May. Mrs. Helen Bascom displayed Organic Gardening and Health Books in the Library in June and Mr. Ben Roman left a display of books and magazines on Greece in the fall. Many patrons enjoyed all exhibits.

“The Wild Horse Round-up” reading program for 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades in July and 26 students completed, each receiving certificates and having their pictures in weekly newspaper. 471 books were read during program

Miss Annette LaFrank finished discarding the non-fiction in August and over 400 books discarded. Thanks again Miss LaFrank.

The State Library Bookmobile made 3 visits to the Library. Over 1000 books borrowed.

Circulation for 1973:

| | |
|--------------|-------------|
| Fiction: | 5011 |
| Non-fiction: | 1617 |
| Juvenile: | 4764 |
| Records: | 61 |
| Magazines: | <u>1258</u> |
| | 12,283 |

Irene Stevens, Librarian

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE
SHEDD PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

RECEIPTS:

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Shedd Porter Fund | \$4,559.16 |
| Water Rents | 462.00 |
| Carpenter Fund | 180.64 |
| Kimball Fund | 151.12 |
| Warren Fund | 39.82 |
| Cash for book in memory of Mrs. Knicely | 4.79 |
| Cash for books in memory of Robert Parker | <u>13.87</u> |
| | \$5,411.40 |
| Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1972 | <u>226.59</u> |
| | \$5,637.99 |
| Disbursements | <u>5,280.67</u> |
| | 357.32 |
| Balance on check book Dec. 31, 1873 | \$135.74 |
| Sav. income 1973 not dep. until 1974 | <u>221.58</u> |
| Actual balance Dec. 31, 1973 | \$357.32 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Salaries: | |
| Librarian | \$1,412.28 |
| Asst. Librarian | 120.00 |
| Janitor | 790.89 |
| Treasurer | 35.00 |
| Social Security | 136.92 |
| Books and Magazines | 777.50 |
| Electricity | 290.22 |
| Fuel | 801.53 |
| Telephone | 137.89 |

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Insurance | 676.00 |
| Repairs | 21.00 |
| Water expense | 30.00 |
| Postage, supplies, etc. | 51.44 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$5,280.67 |

Balance on hand in Savings Bank of Walpole \$2,206.52

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Provost, Treasurer

POLICE REPORT FOR ALSTEAD

The activities of the police department were as varied as the weather has been this winter, from the serious problems to the funny incidents.

There were 14 automobile and 2 motorcycle accidents investigated, 13 breaks reported of seasonal dwellings around Lake Warren and Newell Pond, a local garage break and 4 homes vandalized.

Thefts of gas, barn boards, weathervains, money, fuel oil, vegetables, an automobile, signs, a boat and auto parts were reported. An auto reported stolen in another community was recovered in Alstead.

There was the usual directing of traffic for Memorial Day Exercises, 4th of July and during an ice storm that caused a traffic tie up.

Nine persons were reported missing and all were found. Domestic problems totaled 11 and drunk or disorderly complaints numbered 6.

Miscellaneous complaints consisted of child abuse, a drug incident, prank phone calls, debris thrown on highway, untimely death, shooting at night, assault, two stolen geese, a tame coon that wouldn't stay home, a moose that paid a visit to Alstead, a ghost on the East Alstead Road that jumped out in front of cars and numerous other complaints.

I attended a fifty-four hour course at the Claremont Vo-Tech School sponsored by the N. H. Police Standards and Training Council.

I also attended a three day seminar for police officers at the Pembroke Conference Center.

The police cruiser, a 2974 Plymouth Fury with a forest green body and a white roof, has been ordered and is expected anytime.

Two school crossing guards are back on duty both morning and night.

Respectfully submitted,

Erwin W. Ward, Chief of Police

VILAS POOL

Vilas Pool opened for the 1973 season with Mr. and Mrs. Michal Toscano as supervisors. Ricky Walker and Thomas Dupell were the regular lifeguards. Others were hired as needed.

It was a rather unusual summer in that twice we were forced to close for several days due to the high rise of water from heavy rains. The cleaning up was a problem.

Once again approximately fifty children had free Red Cross swimming lessons under the direction of Miss Carol Oleksiw who also taught a class in the evenings for Jr. and Sr. lifesaving. These classes were well received.

The gates for the dam have been purchased and the installation should be completed by the end of May. The pool was thoroughly bulldozed clean by Mr. Roger Pelton in anticipation of this.

The committee feels that despite the unreasonable weather the season was a success. Several teenage record hops were held, ping-pong enjoyed, juke box played to the enjoyment of many.

We wish to thank all who helped make the season the success it was

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Dorothy Johnson
Erwin Ward
Fred Stearns

REPORT OF ALSTEAD PLANNING BOARD

This past year has been a very active one for the Planning Board. We have held eight sub-division hearings and also fourteen regular meetings. Our regular meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the municipal building. Our meetings are always open to all interested residents.

As members of the Southwestern N. H. Regional Planning Commission two of our members attend the regional meetings monthly. We are pleased to say one representative, Paul Marx, was appointed to a three man committee to work on Solid Waste study. He attended many extra meetings and worked hard as our representative. Our other representative, Gloria Seddon, has been appointed to a committee to coordinate all pertinent data on town tax maps. An item that has to be taken care of by 1980. Dick Rourke, the planning director, has attended our meetings and has consulted us by phone on numerous issues. We feel we have benefited greatly by belonging to this organization and also by having active representation we can look out for our town's need more closely.

We would like to thank all those who took the time to fill out our questionnaire. The comments were helpful and informative. This questionnaire was prepared after numerous requests from our fellow tax payers to do something on this issue. At future date we will prepare more on this issue.

We have had some problems relative to sub-division; but, on the whole through experience we are progressing nicely. We feel we should mention that without these regulations there would be two large sub-divisions going in at the present time with roads that would have been inadequate. This would have cost all of us tax payers money in the future.

Our paper work is accumulating and we do hope in the near future some adequate meeting place and storage area can be achieved.

We wish to thank all those who have attended meetings or contacted us by phone with ideas, questions, etc. We wish more would so so in the future. Remember, we can be more effective and useful with your advice, support and yes, even your disagreement.

Gloria Seddon, Chairman
Paul F. Marx
Fred Stearns
Bernice Jenson, Secretary

THE CHARLESTOWN VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

This year has seen the biggest change in the VNA since its inception. The patient caseload of both VNA and C-Y (Child-Youth) Project increased staggeringly until one nurse could no longer handle both. Each will now employ their own full-time nurse.

Our charge per visit had remained at \$3.00 for years, when our actual cost per visit for 1972 was in excess of \$12.00 (by independent audit). Third party payments (Medicare, Insurance, etc.) previously reimbursed the Agency up to cost, but in the future will only reimburse our actual charge. Therefore, we have been forced to set our charge at \$12.00, but are using a sliding scale for our private patients. This will be based on income, size of family, and circumstances, so that no one cannot afford our services. For some private patients, this will mean a very small sum -- perhaps nothing, but those who can afford the full charge -- \$12.00, with the gradations in between.

In the beginning of this Agency, each town agreed to appropriate money on a per capita basis, which they did. There has been a population increase since that time, and the towns have been asked to increase their appropriations accordingly.

The name of the Agency will be changed to the Fall Mountain Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. as soon as it is legally possible, to more truly represent the areas served.

The Board of Directors have eight new members to augment a dwindling number who have served for a very long time. The Board has worked diligently, with the various committees, to revitalize and update policies in order that we might maintain high standards on the very tight budget proposed. We ask not only financial support from townspeople, but participation and encouragement in the continuance of service.

The only thing more expensive than good health care is no health care.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan F. Beach, Acting President

REPORT OF DOG CONSTABLE

The year 1973 has been another busy one with a total of 93 complaints handled.

There were to registered letters sent to Alstead residents who failed to comply with the dog ordinance of the town of Alstead. These letters are sent to residents by the selectmen, ordering them to restrain their dog from running at large.

I want to urge all dog owners to be sure that when their dog is licensed that the dog is wearing their 1974 tag and this will eliminate a lot of problems with dogs thought to be unlicensed.

As far as I know there will be a rabies vaccination clinic held in Walpole this year. There is a state law that requires a dog to be vaccinated before being licensed.

A reminder to Alstead dog owners that the state law requires that all dogs be licensed on or before April 30th. Dogs six months of age or older must wear a license tag to comply with the N. H. laws, Chapter 466 R.S.A. and must also have a rabies vaccination and tag, 442A.

Ira H. Day III
Dog Constable

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH COMMITTEE REPORT

This committee , noting suggestions of one year ago, met and approved these specific major projects.

One: maintenance work on the grounds.

Two: electrical work in and on the building.

Three: painting and repairs to the building exterior.

Item one: Maintenance of the grounds has been substantially accomplished.

Item two: electrical work is in process and will soon make the building safe for usage.

Item three: painting and repairs is unresolved. Bids were extended to three recommended contractors. All were interested. One bid was received. This estimate exceeded the limitation of the committee's budget and made it wise and necessary to delay this essential project for another try in more reasonable weather and hopefully at less expense.

Additional items were discussed. Some of these were partially resolved; others were not, but your committee is determined to search out every resource to have the building serve the best interest of the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Alfred E. Ikeler
Marie A. Radcliffe
Benj. D. Roman (c)

1973 BIRTHS

| Date | Place of Birth | Baby's Name | Father's Name | Mother's Name |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| January 4 | Bellows Falls, Vt. | Heidi Marie | Kenneth F. Smith | Patricia A. Jelts |
| January 12 | Keene, N.H. | Leslie Ann | Hollis A. Howard | Judith M. Wesson |
| January 19 | Montague, Mass. | Justin Douglas | George B. Moulthrop | Patricia A. Sullivan |
| January 31 | Keene, N.H. | Jennifer Erin | Camille W. Lynch | Carol A. Berry |
| January 31 | Bellows Falls, Vt. | Carrie Lynn | Oran C. Wellman | Mary L. Wilson |
| April 9 | Bellows Falls, Vt. | Amy Lindsey | David T. Howard | Pamela A. Sisson |
| April 13 | Bellows Falls, Vt. | Johnny Francis | John F. Ball | Gloria J. Gerrior |
| April 21 | Keene, N.H. | Lynn Ann | Walter J. Haybeck | Darcia L. Pecor |
| April 23 | Peterborough, N.H. | Erin Kelley | Robert J. O'Hearn | Alice B. Brechin |
| July 21 | Bellows Falls, Vt. | Faith Jewel | Edwin O. Pratt | Judith A. Balch |
| July 25 | Bellows Falls, Vt. | Tammy Marie | George T. Woodell | Betty M. Paquin |
| July 30 | Bellows Falls, Vt. | David Patrick | Ernest P. Simonds | Barbara L. Pitkin |
| August 18 | Keene, N.H. | Eric Russell | John E. Bengtson | Pamela L. Davis |
| September 10 | Bellows Falls, Vt. | Leigh Anne | Stanley F. Kmiec, Jr. | Robin L. Libby |
| September 30 | Bellows Falls, Vt. | LeeAnne | Ernest L. Porter | Syrene A. Walker |
| October 6 | Springfield, Vt. | Buffy Lynn | Arthur J. Beauregard | Kathleen E. Robbins |
| October 23 | Keene, N.H. | Tobias Andrew | Terrance A. Taylor | Linda J. Henault |

1973 MARRIAGES

| Name of Groom | Residence | Name of Bride | Residence | Place of Marriage | Date |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|
| David W. LaPorte | Alstead, N.H. | Patricia A. Royce | Springfield, Vt. | Springfield, Vt. | Jan. 31 |
| William L. Kingsbury | Walpole, N.H. | Patricia D. Smith | Alstead, N.H. | Acworth, N.H. | May 12 |
| Ernest P. Simonds | Alstead, N.H. | Barbara L. Pitkin | Alstead, N.H. | Westminster, Vt. | June 13 |
| Malcolm S. Gentley | Alstead, N.H. | Melanie E. Warren | Concord, N.H. | Epsom, N.H. | June 22 |
| Ernest L. Porter | Alstead, N.H. | Syrene A. Walker | Alstead, N.H. | Alstead, N.H. | July 8 |
| John F. Nordberg | Alstead, N.H. | Seraida L. Vasquez | Alstead, N.H. | Rindge, N.H. | July 14 |
| Kerry J. Walker | Alstead, N.H. | Joni J. Goss | Alstead, N.H. | Alstead, N.H. | July 14 |
| Anthony R. Watson | Chelsea, Vt. | Virginia Watson | Westminster, Vt. | Alstead, N.H. | July 21 |
| Larry P. Mack | Alstead, N.H. | Lorrie E. Ingoldsoy | Acworth, N.H. | Acworth, N.H. | July 28 |
| James L. Ells | Alstead, N.H. | Margaret E. Beam | Keene, N.H. | Keene, N.H. | Sept. 1 |
| Cyrille A. Thibault | Alstead, N.H. | Sylvia M. Dion | Nashua, N.H. | Nashua, N.H. | Oct. 20 |
| Lothar F. Rau | Alstead, N.H. | Rosemary L. Banker | Alstead, N.H. | Hollis, N.H. | Dec. 8 |
| John W. Whitney | Alstead, N.H. | Lenita A. Beam | Saxtons River, Vt. | Keene, N.H. | Dec. 8 |
| Randall H. Neal | Alstead, N.H. | Catherine F. Demers | Concord, N.H. | Concord, N.H. | Dec. 29 |

1973 DEATHS

| Date | Name | Place of Death | Age |
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| *Jan. 25 | Harold Loren Laird, Jr. | Manchester, Vt. | 24 |
| Jan. 27 | Lawrence Babbitt Kelley | Keene, N.H. | 29 |
| Feb. 5 | Hattie Asbell | Walpole, N.H. | 84 |
| Feb. 9 | Stanley Osborne | Westmoreland, N.H. | 93 |
| Feb. 25 | Florence Knicely | Keene, N.H. | 74 |
| Feb. 25 | Mary Tirrell | Keene, N.H. | 86 |
| Mar. 1 | Walter Simino | Hanover, N.H. | 79 |
| Apr. 5 | Alice Knight | Westmoreland, N.H. | 84 |
| Apr. 7 | Mayme R. Wilson | Bellows Falls, Vt. | 65 |
| May 14 | Claire T. Fuller | Alstead, N.H. | 70 |
| *June 4 | Prentiss W. Haines | Bellows Falls, Vt. | 71 |
| *July 13 | Clayton Putney Kenfield | Manchester, N.H. | 74 |
| Aug. 8 | Letha M. Stone | Keene, N.H. | 68 |
| Aug. 18 | Mildred Doris Johnson | Alstead, N.H. | 41 |
| Oct. 25 | Gertrude Robbins | Bellows Falls, Vt. | 53 |
| Nov. 18 | Russell H. Streeter | Keene, N.H. | 57 |
| Nov. 23 | Ronald M. Seaver | Alstead, N.H. | 69 |
| Dec. 17 | Kathleen Beauregard | Bellows Falls, Vt. | 22 |
| Dec. 27 | Gus Kercewich | Hanover, N.H. | 58 |

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